Tuesday, *the* $\frac{\textit{9th April 1946.}}{\textit{27th Meenam 1121.}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

All the members, excepting Messrs. K. R. Ramakrishnan, Thattil Kochuvareed, L. M. Pylee, Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar and Mrs. Dhakshayani Velayudhan, were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

INDUSTRIAL CENTRE—CHERPU

463. **Dr. S. S. Rao** *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether the financial outlook of the Industrial Centre at Cherpu is encouraging or discouraging on the basis of the investments made and the sales?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Industrial Co-operative Societies at the Industrial Centre are working satisfactorily and with profits. The other industries that are being worked departmentally at the Industrial Centre are not working profitably. Government are considering whether these industries should be discontinued or whether they should be organised on a co-operative basis.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what are the industries that are said here to be working not profitably?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Tooth Powder Section has been now transferred to the Ayurvedic Department; some sections (Slate, Laced Garland and Shirting) are proposed to be worked on a co-operative basis and some other sections (Oil and Brush-making) are going to be abolished.

NEMMARA—KALCHADI ROAD

464. **Mr. K. Natarajan Chettiar** *(Nemmara):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is it not a fact that the Panchayat road connecting Nemmara Road with Kalchadi Road is being utilised by a large number of agriculturists and that there is heavy wheeled traffic through this road;

(*b*) what is yearly allotment for maintaining this road?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The road maintenance allotment of Rs. 422 (yearly) under Nemmara Panchayat is including the maintenance of this road.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the length of the road?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am not able to give that information just now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what big amount will fall towards the maintenance of this road?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am sorry that separate lists are not available here.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the Government satisfied that it is not in a fit condition?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think so.

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